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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

IVth International Conference

On Cancer in Africa,

October 6-10 2003, Accra, Ghana

Theme: “Cancer in Africa:

Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century”

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 2003 AORTIC 4th International Conference on Cancer in Africa is a forum for the exchange of information, ideas, and proposals on strategies for improving cancer prevention, treatment, and cancer control in Africa. The major goal of this conference is to develop a plan of action for improving cancer care in African people. Oncologists, clinicians and other health care providers, epidemiologists, scientists, and individuals from throughout Africa and the international community who are working in cancer and cancer-related fields are invited to attend.

The objectives of the 2003 Cancer Conference are:

- to discuss issues pertinent to effective prevention, treatment, and cancer control in African countries;
- to encourage and facilitate the identification and planning of cancer initiatives and proposals that are achievable in meeting the needs of African people; and
- to further develop a plan of action for cancer research and training in Africa.

Outcomes from this conference will be proposals with achievable goals that will serve to guide the planning of future cancer prevention, management, research, and training efforts in Africa.

The format will include Scientific Sessions with invited lectures by well-renowned experts, workshops on selected cancers, and cross-cutting issues working groups. Workshops are planned in the following areas: cervical cancer, hepatocellular cancer, AIDS-related malignancies, Burkitt's and non-Hodgkin's lymphomas, breast cancer, prostate cancer, clinical research, palliative care, and cancer genetics. Cross-cutting issues working groups in surgery, radiation therapy, pathology, chemotherapy, psychosocial, training, cancer registry, and bioethics will be formed. A tentative agenda of the conference program is listed below.

A “Call for Abstracts” and poster presentations are planned. Details on the “Call for Abstracts” and poster presentations, conference registration, scientific program, conference venue, housing arrangements, and travel information will be available on the AORTIC website, www.aortic.org. We encourage you to also check the AORTIC website for new details on conference plans.

Mark your calendars!

Join AORTIC in Accra, Ghana

for the 2003 Fourth International Conference on Cancer in Africa

October 6-10, 2003

Tentative Agenda

SUNDAY October 5, 2003

13:00 Registration

18:00 Welcome Reception

MONDAY October 6, 2003

08:30 Registration

09:00 – 12:00 Opening Ceremony

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch (Visit Exhibitions)

14:00 – 16:30 Formal Opening

 Keynote Address

 Scientific Session

19:00 AORTIC Dinner/Cultural Evening

TUESDAY October 7, 2003

08:00 Registration

08:30 – 10:30 Scientific Session

10:00 – 10:30 Break (Poster session & Visit Exhibition)

10:30 – 12:00 Scientific Session

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch (Poster session & Visit Exhibition)

13:30 – 17:00 Workshops

Break

Working Group Meetings

17:00 – 18:00 AORTIC General Assembly Meeting

WEDNESDAY October 8, 2003

08:30 – 10:30 Scientific Session

10:00 – 10:30 Break (Poster session & Visit Exhibition)

10:30 – 12:00 Scientific Session

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch (Poster session & Visit Exhibition)

13:30 – 17:00 Workshops

Break

Working Group Meetings

THURSDAY October 9, 2003

08:30 – 10:30 Scientific Session

10:00 – 10:30 Break (Poster session & Visit Exhibition)

10:30 – 12:00 Scientific Session

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch (Poster session & Visit Exhibition)

13:30 – 16:00 Workshops

16:00 – 16:30 Break

16:30 – 17:30 AORTIC Business Meeting

19:00 Farewell Dinner

FRIDAY October 10, 2003

08:30 – 10:30 Opening Session – The Future

Reports of Workshops

10:30 – 11:00 Reports of Working Groups

11:00 – 12:00 Future Plans: AORTIC International and AORTIC Africa

12:00 END of AORTIC 2003 Cancer Conference

For more information about the conference, please contact:

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Fundraising For Conference

AORTIC has initiated fundraising activities both for its development, as well as for the IVth International Conference on Cancer in Africa. We would like your assistance and financial support in providing conference and/or travel support for 30 attendees from the African continent, as well as support for 10-15 international educators North America and Europe. We project that the five-day conference will cost two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00). We would appreciate any in-kind donation or service that you or your organization can contribute to make this conference a success.

Please indicate what level of support you would like to contribute. On behalf of AORTIC, I would like to thank you for your help.

We request that you consider one or more of the following levels of support:

1. Donations up to \$1,000.00 as a friend of AORTIC
2. Donations up to \$5,000.00 as a supporter of AORTIC

3. Donations up to \$10,000.00 as a patron of AORTIC
4. Donations of \$10,000.00 or more as a member of the Chairman's Council of AORTIC
5. Donations of \$50,000.00 or more as a major sponsor of AORTIC

All cheques should be in US Dollars, drawn on a US bank and made payable to the African Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC) Inc. and forwarded to: African Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer C/o Dr. C.K.O. Williams, Nanaimo Cancer Clinic, 1200 Dufferin Crescent, Nanaimo, B.C., V9S 2B7, CANADA

AORTIC MEETINGS

Please note that AORTIC will be holding meetings in conjunction with the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) 2003 Annual General Meeting to be held in Toronto April 5th - April 9th. AORTIC will hold its meeting on Monday, April 7th 2003 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting venue will be announced on our website and by e-mail.

We encourage all members to attend.

Also AORTIC will hold a meeting in Chicago in conjunction with ASCO's 39th Annual General Meeting. AORTIC will hold its meeting on Sunday, June 1st 2003 at 6:00 p.m. The venue of the meeting is to be announced.

TRAVEL GRANTS

ASCO members in countries with limited resources are encouraged to apply for an International Travel Grant to attend the 2003 Annual Meeting, in Chicago, Illinois. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements and submit a 250-word essay. Grant recipients will receive complimentary Meeting registration, along with free travel, hotel accommodations, and a per diem allowance.

For further information and application form visit the ASCO Website at www.asco.org

Membership

Membership Fees are now due and payable. Membership fees are payable as follows:

For persons in developed countries of North America (USA and Canada), Western Europe, and Asia (Japan), the membership fee is \$75.00 U.S. For all other countries, the fee is \$25.00 U.S. Membership fee is \$25.00 U.S. for trainees from developing countries studying or training in developed countries.

We appreciate your valued support. Please make your cheque payable to AORTIC and forward same to:

AORTIC

c/o Dr. Christopher Williams

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AORTIC in Action - Meeting at ASCO 2001



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Who can join AORTIC

1. Membership of AORTIC is open to all, regardless of race, ethnicity or nationality.
2. Physicians, clinical research scientists, basic research scientists, nurses, social workers, psychologists, social scientists, epidemiologists, dentists and oral surgeons, pharmacists, laboratory technologists and other professionals at the Master's or Doctoral level as well as those individuals with professional equivalence who have been actively engaged in the research or clinical aspects of cancer.
3. Those in training to become physicians, basic scientists, epidemiologists, psychologists, nurses, social workers and social scientists.
4. Individuals recognized for their distinguished contribution to some aspect of oncology as it pertains to Africa or to another specialized field relating to oncology are eligible for nomination to honorary membership and can be nominated by any member.
5. Organizations at local and national levels, which have aims similar to those of AORTIC, or which support the aims of organizational members

6. Arranging, sponsoring or participating in periodic lectures by distinguished scholars in oncology.
7. Collaborating with existing organizations interested in neoplastic diseases in order to establish or assist in the setting up of journals and publication of monographs and books in oncology.
8. Advising international and regional agencies about issues related to the challenge of cancer care and research in Africa.
9. Encouraging and stimulating the formation of local, regional, national and international chapters, which further the goals of the organization.
10. Recognizing exceptional contributions to the field of cancer control in Africa through Distinguished Service or other awards.

Advantages of Joining AORTIC

The benefit of joining AORTIC could include the opportunity of:

1. Developing an Africa-based organization dedicated to providing coherent advice, counsel and co-coordinating research planning that relates to prevention, early detection and cure of cancer.
2. Developing and funding of training programs in oncology in member institutions or elsewhere.
3. Organizing symposia, workshops, meetings and conferences in keeping with the organization's objectives.

4. Assisting in the formulation of cancer research programs that are relevant in Africa.
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